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FALLING QUALITY EDUCATION IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in an approach paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan it has inter-alia been observed that the expansion in the number of universities has been accompanied by a fall in quality;

(b) if so, whether a change in the university system is felt to be the need of the hour so as to make our universities to emerge from the slump by modernisation of syllabi, examination system etc; and

(c) if so, the steps being contemplated to bring about the desired changes in our university education?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c): In the 10th Plan proposals for development of Higher Educationin India, submitted by the Ministry of HumanResource Development to the Planning Commission, quality of IndianHigher Education system has been, inter-alia, recognised as one of the problem areas. To tackle the specific problem areas in Indian Higher Education system, it is proposed to achieve a profound transformation of higher education in order to make it an effective promoter of sustainable human development, and at the same time, improve its relevance with closer links with the area of work and achieve quality in its teaching, research and business and community extension functions, including life-long learning.